### HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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### Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program (Scholarship - \$25,000)

The purpose of the Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program (YAPP/LRP) is to recognize youth who have been effective leaders in their communities by promoting increased access to contraceptive services, healthy adolescent sexuality and teen pregnancy prevention for youth ages 16-24. The Program is funded through a grant from The California Wellness Foundation.

Over the next two years the Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (YAPP) Leadership Recognition Program (LRP) will recognize youth throughout California who have made an outstanding contribution to their communities by promoting increased access to contraceptive services, healthy adolescent sexuality and teen pregnancy prevention for youth. Youth selected to receive this award will receive an educational scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year for up to 5 years (\$25,000 total over 5 years) to assist them in pursing careers in the health field (e.g., medicine, ancillary services, dentistry, mental health, etc.). Recipients of the YAPP/LRP award will be publicly acknowledged at an awards ceremony.

## Who is eligible?

To be eligible, interested persons must:

- Be at least 16 years old and possess a high school diploma or the equivalent (for example, a GED), **or**, be at least 18 years old but not older than age 24, by June 30, 2002.
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident and a California resident.
- Attend an accredited California vocational school, college or university.
- Maintain at least half-time enrollment (6.0 units) for the duration of the health professional program.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
- Be willing to practice direct patient care in a <u>designated</u> medically underserved area\* of California for a minimum of two years immediately following graduation from a health professional program.

# Where to obtain an application:

Applications will be available mid-November 2001. Interested persons may request an application by calling the Health Professions Education Foundation at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860. Applications can also be downloaded from the Foundation's web site at www.healthprofessions.ca.gov.

The Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program is funded by a grant from The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF).

#### **About the Foundation**

The Health Professions Education Foundation is a non-profit, public benefit corporation established in 1987 to provide financial assistance to health professional students and graduates in California who are willing to practice in the underserved areas of California. The mission of the Foundation is to improve access to health care in underserved areas of California by providing financial support to health professional students and graduates who are willing to practice in those areas.

## Final filing date:

The final filing date for the YAPP/LRP is January 23, 2002. A complete application package and 2 copies of the complete application package must be received in the Foundation office by close of business on the final filing date. Applications will not be accepted by postmark date, fax, or email.

## For more information:

For more information about the Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program, please contact LaTanya Henley at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860. Interested persons may also request the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet.

The Foundation encourages each applicant to obtain and read the program announcement and the eligibility and application requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that these requirements are met, and to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted as part of the application package.

We urge interested persons to contact our office at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860, before submitting an application, to discuss any questions regarding the eligibility and/or application requirements.

\*Medically Underserved Area (MUA) — The Foundation encourages potential applicants to review the information on medically underserved areas and facilities in California prior to applying for this award. The information can be requested from the Health Professions Education Foundation by calling (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860. This information can also be viewed and/or downloaded from the website at <a href="https://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov">www.healthprofessions.ca.gov</a>. Click on the "MUA Facilities" link and/or the "MUA Census Tract" link to view information that will help you determine whether a facility of interest qualifies. For additional information about medically underserved areas and facilities in California please contact the Foundation.